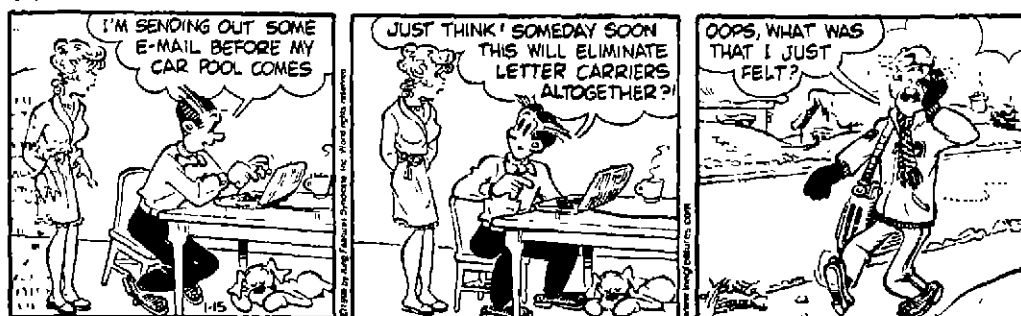


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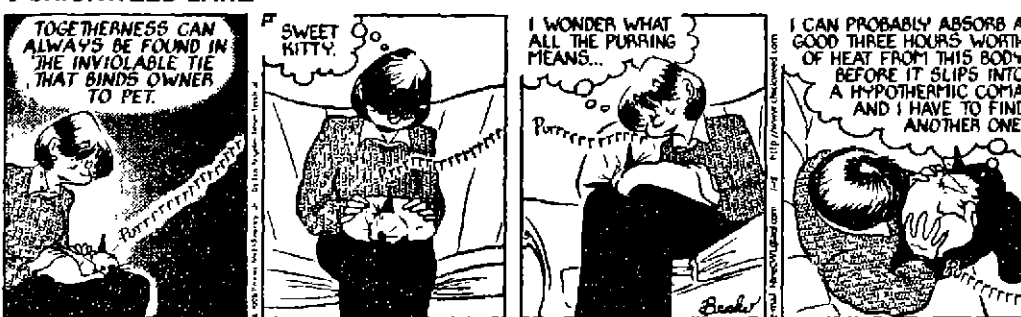
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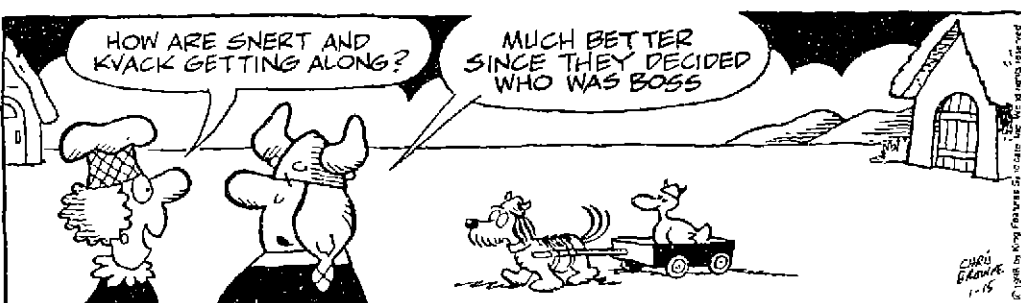
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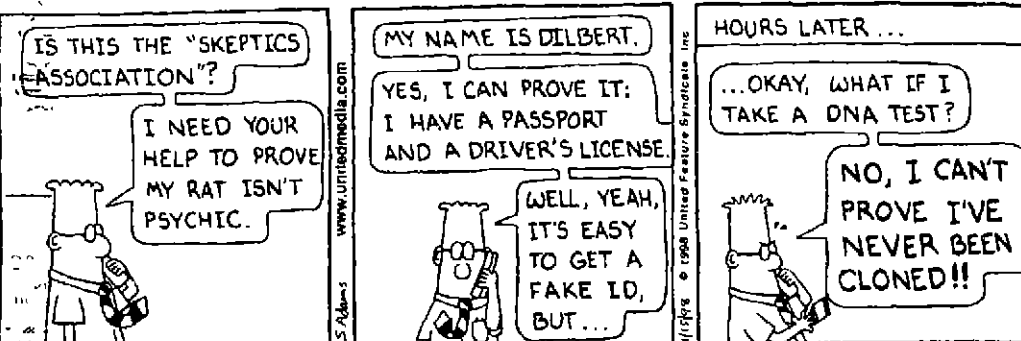
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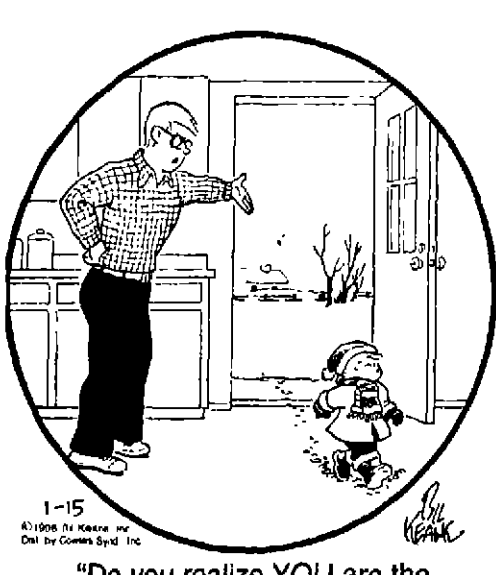
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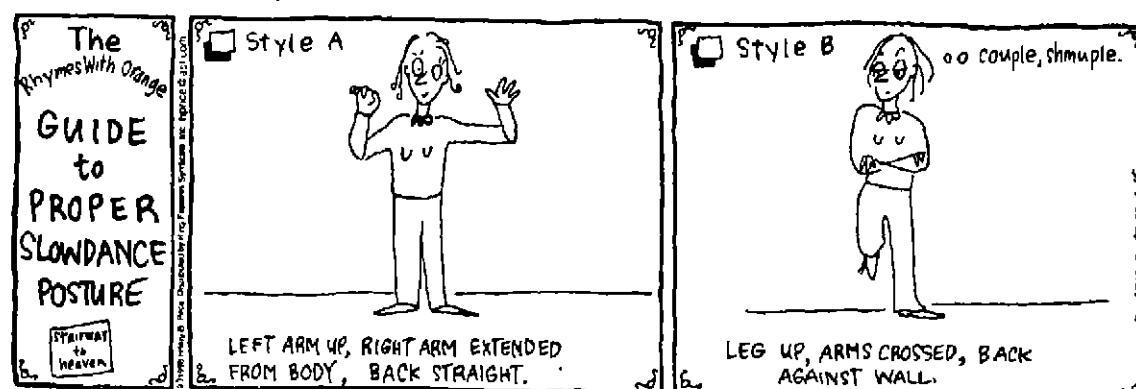
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



HOROSCOPE

For Friday, Jan. 16, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Partners are in agreement about the use of joint assets. You will receive financial backing for a project.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You could revise your thinking about a business plan.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Although good news comes about a financial or business matter, you could be somewhat tightfisted about spending.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Some people might not be interested in hearing about your business ideas.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) A person you meet socially will prove to be a valuable business connection. You could be tackling a household repair unexpectedly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Be sure to accept social invitations that come your way. You might not appreciate unsolicited advice.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You will find something extra special when shopping. The day brings both career and financial gains in the long run.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A heart-to-heart talk with a family member brings a mutual understanding.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) The comforts of domestic life are especially alluring.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You will enjoy gadding about with a loving companion at your side. It should be a great day of merriment in which romantic feelings will deepen.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You feel things are at a standstill regarding a business matter. However, an ability to see things in the large scope enables you to effectively reassess your career goals.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) This is a lovely day for recreational pursuits and affairs of the heart.

RALPH



"I don't remember this building being here!"

WORD SLEUTH

Cross-country skiing

P S P M J H E B Y F S V T Q O
L N I G D B Y W U T R I P M K
I F O D B Y W A U S Q O K M K
I F S L P O L E S G D B R S Z
X S W G H G U T S N S O A O N
L C O U N T R Y S I D E M J H
F E I A D I A E X C C S E C A
Y N L D D W D I V A T R L S Q
P E N E R I L N B R W U E K I
H R F E L O G N I R U O T X C
B Y Z G Y W N V U B S C R Q E

Wednesday's unlisted clue: HOTEL

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Thursday's unlisted clue hint: Applied To Bottom Of Ski

Biathlon	Exercise	Poles	Stride
Bindings	Glide	Racing	Telemark
Countryside	Langlauf	Scenery	Touring
Course	Nordic	Ski	

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For solution, see Classified.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

In a team match, East defended well against today's spade game. A kibitzer asked him how and why he knew a diamond shift would beat the game. "I didn't know it would beat the game," he replied, "but I knew it was my only chance." Try your luck with East's cards. At trick two, what would you lead? Many would return a "safe" club, a lead that cannot blow a trick. In reality, leading a club is a "nothing" lead. Against the club return, dummy wins. South loses a trump finesse to West's king, and South's only remaining loser is a diamond. What did the expert East lead at trick two? He returned a low diamond! South won in dummy and desperately played his ace and another trump. It didn't help. West won and led his last diamond to East's ace, and the diamond ruff beat the game. How did East read the situation so well? He reasoned he could contribute two tricks to the defense. At most he could expect partner to contribute a trump trick. So where might a fourth winner develop? South's support in diamonds offered a clue. South rated to have three diamonds. Ergo, East "knew" West had a doubleton diamond. All West needed now was a quick trump winner and an extra trump, and the game would fail. Solutions to tough problems are usually there. But one must search for them.

BRIDGE RESULTS

The Bridge Studio: Sunday afternoon, first, Alex Weldon, Marge Weldon; second, Tiz Murphy, Ruth Richner; Sunday evening, first, Howie Cring, Cameron Ross; second, Bill Barrington, Matt Brown; Monday morning, first, Sharlene Kostichka, Doug Lyon; second, Al Getman, Jack Koerner; Monday evening, first/second, Joanne Baccile, Doug Lyon; Mary Walsh, Cornelia Yoder, Tuesday evening, first/second, Bill Barrington, George Valette, Jeff King, Monny Moncrief; Wednesday evening, first, Rob Barrington, Doug Lyon; second, Joanne Baccile, Sharlene Kostichka; Thursday morning Teaching Game, 1 NS, Debi Belanger, Joan Greenhouse; 2 NS, Gert Andrae, Edith Farnham; 1 EW, Mary Flanagan, Janet Gillen; 2/3 EW, Donna Haskins, Janet Sinclair; John Beauchamp, Bridgette O'Donnell; Thursday evening, first, Sharon Ausman, Howie Cring, second Bill Barrington, John Molinari.

Stonehedge: Tuesday morning, 1 NS, Barb Eveleigh, Jane Hackbart; 2/3 NS, Hannah Dushay, Harriet Kaprowski, Betty Pfeiffer, Goldie Walczyk, 1 EW, Gerry Burns, Fran Dussault; 2 EW, Marie Rothbaler, Louise Staring.

Call 422-4114 by Friday evening to report your bridge club results.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Nuclear physicist **Edward Teller** is 90. Actor **Lloyd Bridges** is 85. The Roman Catholic archbishop of New York City, Cardinal **John J. O'Connor**, is 78. Singer **Don Van Vliet** ("Captain Beefheart") is 57. Actress-singer **Charo** is 47. Rock singer **Martha Davis** is 47. Actor-director **Mario Van Peebles** is 41. Singer **Lisa Lisa** (Lisa Lisa and Cult Jam) is 31. Actor **Chad Lowe** ("Life Goes On") is 30.

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1559, England's Queen Elizabeth I was crowned in Westminster Abbey.

In 1967, the first Super Bowl was played as the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League defeated the Kansas City Chiefs of the American Football League, 35-10.

In 1973, President Nixon announced the suspension of all U.S. offensive action in North Vietnam, citing progress in peace negotiations.

In 1976, Sara Jane Moore was sentenced to life in prison for her attempt on the life of President Ford in San Francisco.

In 1978, Lisa Levy and Margaret Bowman, two students at Florida State University in Tallahassee, were murdered in their sorority house. Theodore Bundy was convicted of the crime and executed.

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ACROSS

1 Flattery
9 Cottonwood trees
15 Song thrush
16 Teatro alla Scala site
17 Liz Taylor movie "County"
18 Kid-helping org
19 Cartoonist Peter
20 Combat
22 On a roll
23 Tongues do it
24 Take on
25 Current administration
26 Future viewers
30 Zip

DOWN

32 Kabuki kin
33 Plan
35 Pool party?
37 Made an effort
40 River to Lake Ontario
42 Declaim
43 100 agorot
45 Worthless amount
46 Make a video
48 "Wall Street" theme
51 Credit-tracking co
52 Ramble
54 Collarless shirt
56 Very early
57 British bishops' headaddresses

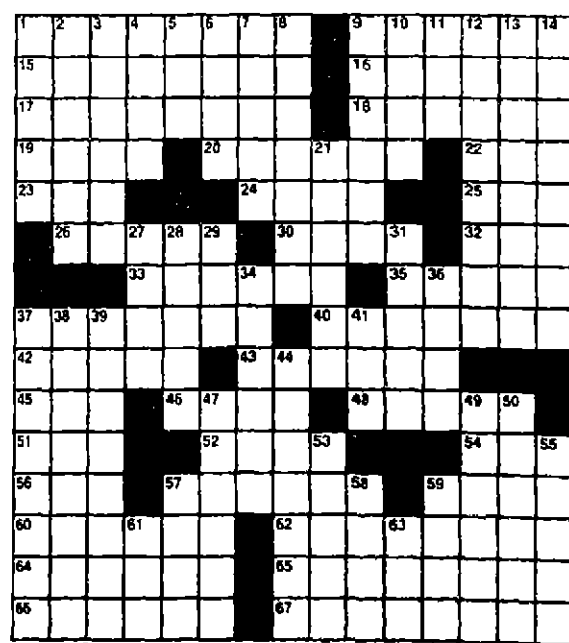
59 Checked item
60 One-cellers
62 Rather high
64 Fixed over
65 Spread disinformation
66 Lamb output
67 Low-pressure pitch

DOWN

1 Backbreaker?
2 The Wilkese's neighbors
3 Penphery
4 Up—good
5 J.F.K. larder
6 Other, to Pedro
7 Hebrew starter
8 Taking a glimpse
9 Smiling, evidently
10 Betting odds
11 "When We Were Kings" subject
12 Luddites' targets
13 Mano a mano
14 Some dancing
21 Poet's least favorite fruit
27 Go over proofs
28 Build an embankment
29 Compass pt.
31 "The Bronx Zoo" star

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

SHOT SARAS MCIL
MOLY APORT AEON
ASAP TONGA TANK
REFINEDSUGARS
TASSEL EERIER
TULIPS ECLAT
LIP IRA STEVE
EDUCATEDGUESSES
ALGORE RIB SST
HENRI NESSES
DAREME ISLETS
CULTUREDPEARL
GRIP IRANI ETUI
PITT DANTE VEEP
AMYS ALTOS ENDS



Puzzle by Eileen Lenau

34 Popular place
35 TV part
37 Programming
38 Galleys of yore
39 Troublesome plants
41 Hosp. test
44 Father and son publishers
47 Rebels
49 Prima ballerina
50 Clockwise

53 "Ditto"
55 One of the Kennedys
57 Umpteen
58 Women's magazine
61 Long squeezer
63 D.C. summer setting

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